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SUBJECT: "JEUNE AFRIQUE" EDITORIAL ON U.S. POLICY IN
AFRICA

1. FEBRUARY ISSUE OF "JEUNE AFRIQUE", FRENCH SPEAKING
AFRICA'S WIDELY-READ WEEKLY, CARRIES TENDENTIOUS LEAD
EDITORIAL BY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PAUL BERNETEL ENTITLED "AN
AMERICAN IN KINSHASA". THE EDITORIAL ATTACKS AMBASSADOR
HINTON AND U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA IN GENERAL. INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. "LAST JANUARY 24 THE 5TH AFRO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
WAS HELD IN KINSHASA. THIS CONFERENCE PLAYS A NOTE-
WORTHY ROLE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
AFRICA. AT THE 4TH CONFERENCE (ADDIS ABABA 1973), THE
AMBIGUOUS ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD THE
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS VIOLENTLY DENOUNCED BY
THE AFRICANS. INDEED MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE.

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3. THE FACT THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD IN ZAIRE, MORE-OVER, INTRODUCES AN IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT. THIS COUNTRY, WHICH HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON, IS TODAY UNDERGOING GREAT CHANGES. ITS HIGHLY ORIGINAL NATIONALIST OPTION ALARMS THE UNITED STATES AND SINCE OCTOBER 1973, WHEN ZAIRE BROKE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, MR. KISSINGER HAS FELT THAT MOBUTU WAS GOING TOO FAR. THE RAPPROCHEMENT (OF ZAIRE) WITH PEKING AND THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE INSPIRATION FROM CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE HAVE IRRITATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHO, IN THE BEGINNING, WAS COOL TO THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND THEN, IN AN EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE, CHANGED HIS AMBASSADOR TO KINSHASA.

4. THE NEW TITULAR IS A MOST ALARMING PERSONALITY. DEANE ROESCH HINTON, FORMER CIA ANALYST, HAS ALWAYS BEEN ASSIGNED TO PLACES WHERE THE AGENCY HAS CARRIED ON THE MOST SUSPECT ACTIVITIES. THIS SPECIALIST IN LATIN AMERICAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS, WHO TOOK COURSES AT THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WAS DIRECTOR IN GUATEMALA OF A.I.D., A NOTORIOUS INSTRUMENT OF THE CIA IN THE THIRD WORLD. DEANE HINTON DIRECTED THE GUERRILLA PACIFICATION OPERATION THERE. ITS BALANCE SHEET: 20,000 DEAD. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ANTI-GUERRILLA ACTION, HAVING COMPLETED THE GROUND WORK, HE GAVE UP HIS POSITION AND THE UNITED STATES ASSIGNED A NEW AMBASSADOR, NATHANIEL DAVIS.

5. THE SCENARIO WAS REPEATED IN CHILE: HINTON, DIRECTOR OF A.I.D., PRECEDED AN AMBASSADOR WHO WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE SAME DAVIS, AND THEN PULLED OUT IN 1971. RECALLED TO WASHINGTON, HAVING BECOME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (SIC), KEY ORGAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, HINTON

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ORGANIZED THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF THE ALLENDE REGIME WITH THE RESULTS EVERYONE KNOWS. THE NOMINATION OF SUCH A PERSONALITY WAS SEEN IN KINSHASA DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AS THE MORE SURPRISING SINCE AT THE SAME MOMENT, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR EASUM, WAS REPLACED BY ... NATHANIEL DAVIS. IT IS THUS LOGICAL THAT THE NOMINATION OF DAVIS (WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SENATE) IS BEING INTERPRETED AS A DISAVOWAL OF EASUM WHO WAS TRYING TO MOVE SOUTH AFRICA TO CHANGE ITS POLICIES. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS NOT MISTAKEN.

6. A HARDENING OF AMERICAN POLICY? A CONSEQUENCE OF CHANGES NOT FORESEEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA? THERE IS SOME OF ALL THAT. AS WELL AS THE DESIRE TO PRESS CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH A MODUS VIVENDI WITH RACIST SOUTH AFRICA BY ACCEPTING UNCLASSIFIED

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"BANTUSTANIZATION". BUT THERE AGAIN, PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS SHOWN THAT HE WAS NOT DUPED. IN SPEAKING TO THE AMERICANS DURING THE CONFERENCE HE SAID, "WHEN TALKING ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, YOUR GOVERNMENT ALWAYS EXPRESSES VERBAL REGRETS BUT ALLOWS SOUTH AFRICA TO BALKANIZE SOUTH AFRICA, SINCE THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES KNOW VERY WELL THAT BY GIVING INDEPENDENCE TO THE LITTLE, TRIBAL, ENCLAVE STATES IN THEIR TERRITORY, THEY CONTINUE TO DOMINATE THE BLACKS".

7. THIS FREEDOM OF LANGUAGE IS HARDLY OF A KIND TO

PLEASE AMERICANS WHO TOLERATE BADLY IRREVERENT AND
CONTENTIOUS ALLIES. THUS THERE IS ONE MORE REASON TO
RECOMMEND THAT KINSHASA AUTHORITIES DEMONSTRATE UN-
REMITTING VIGILANCE".
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